

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 9 through 10 of the English translation of the filed application with the following amended paragraph:

Also known are acid-based blend membranes which, as described in DE19817374 or WO 01/18894, are prepared by mixing sulphonated polymers and basic polymers. In addition the application WO 99/101165 describes membranes made from polymers containing sulphonic acid groups.